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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Comments on House Select Committee on Assassinations Letter Dated 15 December 1977 (U)

(C) Subject letter cites various instances which the House Select Committee on Assassinations Chief Counsel and Director, G. Robert Blakey, considers as unreasonable delays in responding to Select Committee requests. These items and our comments follow:

ITEM: Notes of 30 November 1977 review of 1967 IG Report were not received by the Select Committee until 7 December 1977.

Comment:

A. No written request from the Select Committee received.

B. 30 November 1977 notes were reviewed by OS on 5 December 1977. Delay of 1 and 2 December 1977 due to OS/Snepp Task Force commitment. IG and DDO also reviewed notes.

C. Notes sent 6 December by regular courier and should have been delivered to Select Committee on 7 December.

D. Elapsed time: 5 working days.

ITEM: Tabs B and C of file on Roselli, of which Tab A was reviewed on 3 November 1977, still not available.

Comment:

A. Tab A (OS file) reviewed on 3 November.

B. Formal tasking for review (OLC, OIG, PA, SA/DO/O, OGC) - 21 November 1977.

C. Tab B (DDO file) sanitized for review - 13 December 1977.

D. Tab C (OGC, OLC, IG, PA file) sanitized for review - 22, 28 November 1977.

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E. Select Committee notified Tabs B and C ready for review - 16 December.

F. Tabs B and C required review and sanitizing by five separate offices.

ITEM: Select Committee told Warren Commission documents would be ready at CIA on 9 December.

Comment: A. No written request from Select Committee.

B. Documents picked-up (handcarried) from Archives, 8 December.

C. Copies made overnight 8 December, tabed on 9 December (6 copies).

D. 9 December meeting with SA/DO/O and verbal tasking to Russ Holmes, DDO.

E. Formal written request to SA/DO/O, 12 December.

F. Other written request from Select Committee for specific Warren Commission Documents (dated 1 December) received 6 December.

G. Formal request to SA/DO/O on specific documents, 6 December.

ITEM: FBI Counter-Revolutionary Handbook - Handbook couriered to CIA on 9 December, but not available to Select Committee as of 13 December.

Comment: A. No written request from Select Committee.

B. FBI Handbook couriered to CIA, 9 December.

C. A/DDO reviewed 9 December and passed to Chris Hopkins, DDO, (weekend of 10-11 December).

D. Formal request to SA/DO/O, 12 December.

E. Material reviewed at CIA by Select Committee staff on 15 December 1977.

F. Elapsed time: 6 working days.

ITEM: Martin Luther King/James Earl Ray request of 11 November 1977 not completed.

Comment:

A. Select Committee request dated 11 November received OLC 14 November 1977.

B. Formal request to SA/DO/O, IG, OS, 14 November.

C. OS response received 8 December. SA/DO/O tasked 12 December with internal due date of 15 December. Tabs A-2 and B-2 to be sanitized by DDO.

D. Material received from SA/DO/O, 13 December.

E. Select Committee notified material ready for review - 16 December.

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